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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Graf et al.

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FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
EXTRA-WIDE VENEERS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2002, restricting the pending claims into one of Groups I or II. Applicant hereby elects Group I for prosecution in the subject application. The Examiner has indicated Group I includes claims 1-3 and 7-12, drawn to a method for the production of extra-wide veneers. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-3 and 7-12 are now drawn to the invention of Group I, hereby elected for prosecution.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected subject matter.

Receipt of an Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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